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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6978

INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 6652

DEPARTMENT FOR A/SY/T/SP

FRANKFURT FOR RSS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SY FOLLOW VEHICLES

REF: STATE 211596

1. AT THE MOMENT, LOCAL POLICE HAVE FIXED POST DUTY STATIONS AT THE CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE; AND DO NOT, AS A GENERAL RULE, PROVIDE GUARDS TO ACCOMPANY THE AMBASSADOR, ALTHOUGH THEY OFTEN DO SO WHEN TRAVELS OUTSIDE MADRID.

2. EMBASSY MADRID HAS ON OCCASION CONSIDERED INCREASING THE LOCAL GUARD FORCE TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS MOBILE PROTECTION TO THE AMBASSADOR. AT THIS JUNCTURE THE LOCAL POLICE PROBABLY WOULD NOT PROVIDE THIS PROTECTION, AND THE EMBASSY WOULD NOT SEEK IT, IN THE ABSENCE OF A SPECIFIC THREAT.

3. DURING THE PAST YEAR THERE HAVE BEEN EIGHT US VIP VISITORS TO SPAIN REQUIRING PROTECTION. ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF SUCH VISITORS MAY INCREASE, IT HAS NOT YET REACHED A LEVEL WHICH WOULD MAKE FULL-TIME AVAILABILITY OF AN ARMORED CAR WORTHWHILE.

4. WHILE, FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE, THE POST CANNOT ASSURE FULL-TIME USE OF THE VEHICLE AS A FOLLOW-CAR NOW, IF
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IT IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERMITTENT USE AS A FOLLOW-CAR, WITH

THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDED USE IN THE FUTURE, POST WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE IT ON THAT BASIS. SY MAY WISH TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH RSO MYERS WHO IS NOW ON HOME LEAVE AND SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO MADRID IN MID-SEPTEMBER.

5. PLEASE ADVISE. IF VEHICLE IS TO BE ASSIGNED TO US, WE WOULD WANT TO ORDER A VOICE RADIO FOR INSTALLATION ASAP.
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